

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW MANAGING EDITOR

At the 2003 SMFS meeting in Kalamazoo, then-president Anne Clark Bartlett announced that *MFF* would be looking for a new home beginning in the fall of 2004. Immediately, I determined that Minot State University would be an excellent host institution. I began my campaign early, persistently e-mailing Gina Psaki with questions throughout the summer and talking to various people on my campus. In doing so, I discovered an even wider support network than I originally believed I had here at MSU. Rest assured that *MFF* will be in good hands, with almost an entire campus behind it. Furthermore, as part of the North Dakota university system, we have a network of sister campuses as well as statewide entities that we can rely upon.

Minot State University is a small but vibrant school. (More about us in later issues.) Though we consider ourselves a “teaching institution,” as a university, we know that scholarship is a fundamental part of faculty development. Administrators, librarians, colleagues, and students alike are all energized at the prospect of hosting a journal on our campus. I already have team of student interns and workers lined up for the Fall 2003 semester, and have no doubt that the spring semester will bring just as many enthusiastic volunteers.

Overall, I believe that *MFF* and MSU will have a mutually beneficial relationship for the next five years. We hope to gain support for our new Gender/Women’s Studies program, a higher institutional profile, and further internship opportunities, among other things. In return, *MFF* will receive close attention, the continuity of a long-term commitment, assiduous marketing, and credit card capability (overseas subscribers, take note!), as well as additional possibilities.

This summer will be busy: receiving and archiving all the back issues, transferring all things technical and mundane, arranging new office space, and setting up for the next issue’s production. I am looking forward to putting together the Fall 2004 issue and to telling you more about our operation here in north central North Dakota. I hope that the years to come will prove to be just as exciting and expansive as the past years have been. Thank you for the opportunity!

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